

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

It Was Provided by a St. Louis Man For His Wife's Feminine Friends.

A wealthy St. Louisian living in the vicinity of Lafayette park provided a novel form of entertainment for his wife's guests one evening, says the St. Louis Republic.

The hostess was extremely anxious to provide something original for the edification of a score of guests whom she intended to call together for an informal evening. Her husband promised to provide such novelty and took a boon companion into his confidence to that end. They had not exchanged ideas 80 consecutive seconds before they hit upon the device of converting the elegant parlors into a gambling house pro tem. A faro bank, a roulette wheel and poker and keno lay out were easily procurable, as the conferees well knew, and that part of the programme was soon settled. The friend suggested as a pretty epilogue the introduction of a pair of bulldogs, guaranteed to reduce each other to mince meat in three rounds. This rather staggered the ambitious host, but his friend is a ward politician, and with the eloquence he always keeps on draft soon convinced the other that the evening would be a failure without those bulldogs.

The evening arrived, and with it came the guests. The ladies were prettily shocked at sight of the gambling paraphernalia, but became accustomed to it in an astonishingly short time and shared in the games with becoming vim. It was when the yellow bulldogs made their unexpected entrance that the horror of the fair guests proved genuine. The beasts yelped and growled and showed other peculiar canine symptoms of "spoiling for a fight." Thereupon the ladies sought refuge on the piano and card tables and chairs, conducting their retreat as from a mouse.

Notwithstanding excited feminine protestations, the friend who had been consulted as to a novelty in entertainment unleashed the dogs. It was an exciting climax to an "original" evening. The dogs feasted for five minutes on choice bits of each other's anatomy. The ladies screamed and the friend who was consulted as to the success of his novelty. When he was quite convinced—and it took a considerable time to convince him—that the ladies' desire for gore had been fully gratified, he doused the dogs into a convenient tub of water and separated them.

Animal Kindergartens.

It will be noticed that all creatures which have large families, whether beasts or birds, have less trouble in rearing them than those which have only one or two young. Little pigs are weeks ahead of calves in intelligence, and the young partridge, with its dozen brothers and sisters, is far more teachable than the young eagle. There seems no doubt that the latter is taught to fly by its parents. A correspondent informs the writer that he has watched the old birds so engaged and the young eagles reluctantly following them to a height.

Specialized education in animals begins late. The beaver kitten's training does not begin until the autumn of the year in which it was born. The old beavers, which have moved up tributary streams into the woods, or roamed to the larger lakes during summer, then return to inspect their dam and repair it for the winter. They then cut down a few trees, and, dividing them into logs, roll them or tow them to the dam. The kittens meantime are put on to what in a workshop would be called a "soft job." They cut all the small branches and twigs into lengths and do their share of light transport service. In the mud patting and repairing of the dam the beaver kittens take their share, but there is little doubt that they do so because their elders are so engaged. It is a kindergarten of the best kind, because mud patting and stick cutting are a great joy and solace to old beavers as well as young ones, and so instruction, pleasure and business are all combined. Young otters, and probably also young water rats, have to be taught to go into the water. According to the observations of Mr. Hart, the late head keeper at the zoo, the young otters born there did not enter the water for weeks, and even then their mother had to "mind" them and fetch them out when she thought they had had enough of it. They swim naturally when once in the water, and this seems true of all animals.—London Spectator.

Chivalrous Mr. Fields.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, in her book, "Chapters From a Life," pays the following tribute to James T. Fields:

"Mr. Fields was a man of marked chivalry of nature, and, at a time when it was not fashionable to help the movements for the elevation of women, his sympathy was distinct, fearless and faithful. In a few instances, we knew, and he knew, that this fact deprived him of the possession of certain public honors which would otherwise have been offered to him.

"He advocated the political advancement of our sex, coeducation and kindred movements without any of that apologetic murmur so common among the half-hearted or the timid. His fastidious and cultivated literary taste was sensitive to the position of women in letters. He was incapable of that literary snobishness which undervalues a woman's work because it is a woman's. A certain publishing enterprise which threatened to treat of eminent men came to his notice. He quickly said: 'The time has gone by for that! Men and women! Men and women!'

Growth of English.

The growth of the English language during the present century has been without parallel in the history of any tongue. The commercial associations of the English and American people with all the nations of the earth have brought contributions from every clime to enrich our mother tongue and the English language has grown from a provincial dialect to a world language on the face of the globe.

COACHING.

The musical trumpet's blast,
The sound of laughter gay,
Then word to start is passed,
And the tallyho rolls away.

Out of the city's street,
Far from the noisy throng,
Into the country sweet
It rumbles gayly along

Over the cool green hills
And down through the wooded dale,
Fragrant with daffodils
And vocal with calling quails.

Happy each youthful face,
Merry the mirthful wits,
And, lo, in the footman's place
Trumpeter Cupid sits!

—Arthur Grissom in New York Tribune.

A FIGHT WITH A LYNX.

Jim Berry Had a Desperate Struggle With a Savage Bobcat.

The ugliest appearing animal that ever walked a log, killed a rabbit or fought a trap is the lynx, which is just as ugly as it looks ten months in the year and somewhat uglier during the other two. Not only will the lynx fight anything that walks the woods, but it will also tackle a visitor from the clearings, be he man or dog or half grown calf, if the occasion offers.

Jim Berry was hunting up in Maine, about 40 miles north of Greenville, when he and his friend suddenly came upon the carcass of a caribou which a bear was eating. The bear made itself scarce, much to Jim's regret, as he wanted to kill the bear. Without saying anything to his friend he left camp the next day and started for the carcass, intending to watch it, in the hope that the bear would return. He waited and watched until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when he began to think of returning to camp. A soft footfall back in the woods—the crafty step of some wild animal—just then sounded in his ears. Pretty soon the bear was chewing the caribou meat, and Jim could see it plainly. He leveled his buckshot gun and pulled the trigger, when the wabbling muzzle was pointed in what he thought was the right direction. The bear went down, and Jim started for it. Then he stopped, with his mouth open.

The beast had leaped to his feet and jumped sideways, with its back up. Jim knew the yell, and he also recognized the humped back. It was a wounded lynx spoiling for a fight. Not having time to level his gun to shoot, the man clubbed it, and the blow stunned the cat a little, but the beast got in a rake on the man's leg and tore his trousers and hide too. Another frantic sweep of the gun barrel laid the beast flat, and then a revolver bullet killed the animal. The buckshot had torn the top of the lynx's head—enough to make it angry.—Shooting and Fishing.

Proved His Love.

They were two working girls, and they happened to meet the other day at the restaurant where they eat luncheon. The brunette ordered baked beans and lemonade, and the blond selected fruit cake and coffee. "Tomorrow is pay day, you know," she said in reply to the inquiring look of the other.

"Oh! Well, have you heard the news about Mary? She's resigned."

"I know," said the blond. "I was in hopes I'd be the first to tell you. She's going to be married."

"Yes; in a lovely blue silk. I forget the name of the man she's going to marry. He isn't very good looking, they say, but Mary says he's intellectual. She says—"

"Oh, pshaw! You can't tell from Mary."

"No; but Sadie's seen his photograph, and she says he wears glasses."

"Does he? Well, Mary's lucky, if she is redheaded. Why, he would just do anything in the world for that girl."

"Humph!" said the brunette. "That's the way she talks now, but you can't tell a thing about it until after they're married."

"You can tell it easy enough in this case. He's proved it already," said the blond warmly.

"Said he'd die for her, I suppose," returned the brunette scornfully. "Lots of 'em talk that way before they have to pay the butcher."

"This isn't talk anyhow. He's proved his love, I tell you."

"How? Did he save her life, or tell her that her hair is golden?"

"Neither. He sold his bicycle to buy her an engagement ring."—Chicago Tribune.

A Strange Nursery.

On the slopes of the Himalayas the native women have a most curious plan of disposing of their babies and keeping them quiet while they are engaged at work in the fields during the greater part of the day. Before the mothers set out to work in the morning they wrap their babies in swaddling bands, leaving nothing but their little faces exposed. Then the babies are taken and laid under a ledge of rock from which water is falling, and by means of a bamboo the water is made to drip gently on each baby's forehead. The effect of the dripping water is most soothing, and soon the little ones are all asleep and remain motionless till taken up by their mothers on their return from their work, when they are carried off to be unwrapped, dried and fed.

The Wonderful Marching Ant.

Paul Du Chaillu tells of the doings of a queer African species of ant, which the natives call the bashonay, which marches through the forest in a regular line. This line usually wraps about two inches in breadth and is of several miles long, with marching in a column. "All along the line," says the great traveler, "large ants are working ants not as officers, keeping the regular army in order."

In the south of France, a young gentleman is stating that she is tired.

In ordinary tables, dry, weighs about

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THE DEACON'S DONATION.

And Why It Was Not Accepted by the Town Committee.

It had been decided at a public meeting of the citizens that would have a combination library, reading room and social club in Wamptom. The committee, made up of substantial members of the community authorized to act upon their own judgment, was in session at Deacon Close's, he having a site that he wanted to sell for the proposed building.

"I regard this movement as deserving of popular approval and aid," said the minister. "It aims to secure a wider intelligence and a better tone of morality among our people. Every one should give according to his means."

After the editor, the doctor and the banker had talked in the same vein, the lawyer proposed that they get down to business. "Deacon Close," he continued, "has a desirable lot for which he asks \$2,000. It strikes me as a pretty stiff price, but I have no doubt that he will make us a donation of \$500 and make a deed of the site for \$1,500."

There was applause, in which the deacon did not participate, but rising reluctantly he delivered himself as follows: "I must say that I agree with what has been said in praise of this enterprise. Our town needs it and there is no place for it more desirable than the lot I have offered. Of course I want to bear my full share of the expense."

"Since I offered you this lot," the deacon went on, "there has been a great improvement in times. Money is easier, prices are better and realty gets an enhanced value because of the general prosperity. I will let you have the lot for \$2,500 and throw off \$500 as a donation."

The minister muttered something he was glad the rest did not hear. The doctor laughed, the banker scowled and the lawyer moved to adjourn in a voice that told the deacon he would have to seek some other market for the lot that had taken such a long and sudden jump in value.—Detroit Free Press.

THEY DO NOT SIT.

Some Birds That Hatch Their Eggs by Queer Devices.

It is well known that the Australian megapod is a bird that is accustomed to sit on its eggs. In certain parts of Australia are found numerous mounds of considerable size and height which the first explorers took to be burial grounds. These were made by the Megapodius tumulus, which uses them for hatching its eggs. They have sometimes considerable dimensions. A nest that is 14 feet high and 55 feet in circumference may be regarded as large.

Each megapod builds its own nest with material which it gathers from all sides, and these are exactly what the gardener uses in the month of March to make his forcing beds—namely, leaves and decomposing vegetable matter, which, by their fermentation, give off an appreciable amount of heat. In the forcing beds this heat hastens the sprouting of the seeds. In the nest it suffices for the development and hatching of the young birds, and the mother can go where she likes and occupy herself as she wishes without being troubled by the duties of sitting.

In the small island of Nainafon, in the Pacific, another bird has a somewhat similar habit, in so far as it also abandons its eggs, but in place of obtaining the necessary heat from fermentation it gets it from warm sand. The leipoa, or native pheasant of Australia, acts like the megapod and watches the temperature of its mound very closely, covering and uncovering the eggs several times a day to cool them or heat them as becomes necessary. After hatching, the young bird remains in the mound several hours. It leaves on the second day, but returns for the night, and not until the third day is it able to leave for good the paternal abode.—Revue Scientifique.

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MASTER'S SALE

—OF—

House, Lot, Etc.,

IN MILLERSBURG, KY.

BOURBON CIRCUIT COURT.

Virgie L. Waite, etc., Plaintiffs,

H. H. Hunt, etc., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above styled cause on the 1st day of December, 1896, I will sell publicly on the premises in the town of Millersburg, Kentucky, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., on

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1897, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A parcel of land with brick residence and shop thereon, located in the town of Millersburg, Bourbon County, Ky., consisting of lot No. 20, and part of lot No. 4, in the plat of said town, and being the same property conveyed to W. F. Hunt, deceased, by Ford & Bowen, by deed of record in the office of the Clerk of the Bourbon County Court, Deed Book 64, pages 6 and 7, excepting the part thereof conveyed to Fannie Hurst, by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Bourbon County Court, Deed Book 64, page 12.

Said sale is made to satisfy the debt and interest of the plaintiff, Virgie L. Waite, amounting to \$269.35, and of the defendant, H. H. Hunt, for \$269.35, and of the defendant, Nancy Hunt, for \$269.35, and of the defendant, M. E. Longmire, for \$269.35, and of the defendant, Tennie H. Day, for \$315.92, making the total debts and interests on the day of sale, \$1,393.32, and the costs of this suit, \$83.10, making the total amount to be raised, \$1,476.42.

Said sale will be made upon a credit of six and twelve months for equal parts of the purchase money, for which the purchaser will be required to execute bonds, with good surety, to be approved by the undersigned Commissioner, payable to himself and bearing interest from the day of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

EMMETT DICKSON,

M. C. H. C. C.

Attorney at Law.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

—OF—

Land!

The undersigned Assignees of Joseph H. Hawkins, will, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897, on the premises of the home farm at eleven o'clock a. m., solar time, expose to public sale the following tracts of land situated in Bourbon County:

TRACT No. 1.

A tract containing

One Hundred and Eighty-Two Acres,

situated on the East side of the Gano Hill turnpike and on the South side of the Cummins & Hawkins turnpike and adjoining the lands of Lynne heirs and Mrs. Combs. [For description by metes and bounds see the petition and order of sale in the Bourbon County Court as to this and other tracts of land hereinafter referred to.] This is the home farm and has upon it a very desirable residence, good tobacco and stock barn, and all other necessary out-buildings.

TRACT No. 2.

Contains 168 Acres, 1 Rood and 36 Poles.

This tract of land is situated on the East side of the Chinn's Mill road and a short distance North of the Cummins & Hawkins turnpike and adjoining the lands of Taylor, Moore and Hildreth. It has upon it a comfortable residence and good tobacco barn.

TRACT No. 3.

Contains 48.81 Acres.

It is situated on the West side of the Chinn's Mill road and near Tract No. 2, above described, and joins the lands of Lizzie Hawkins, W. O. Shropshire, etc. The surveys of the several tracts of land above described may be found at the residence of Mr. Jos. A. Hawkins, and he, or the undersigned, will take pleasure in showing said lands to any one who may desire to purchase the same.

TERMS.—This land will be sold for one-third cash in hand, balance in one and two years with interest from date at 6 per cent., or the whole may be paid at once. Default of second payment at maturity makes maturity of third payment.

Sale absolute, title perfect. Possession, March 1st, 1897.

J. Q. & J. MILLER WARD,

Assignees of JOSEPH H. HAWKINS.

The undersigned will, at the same time and place, sell a tract of land containing

90 Acres, 3 Roods and 19 Poles,

situated on the Cummins & Hawkins turnpike and fronting thereon between the lands of John Allen and Geo. Dicks. Said land has upon it a new and comfortable house and barn and is well watered and is the same land recently purchased by undersigned from Joseph H. Hawkins, who has a survey and who will take pleasure in pointing it out by metes and bounds, to persons desirous of buying.

TERMS.—Same as above. Sale absolute, title perfect.

Possession given March 1st, 1897.

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Assignee's Sale

—OF—

188 ACRES OF LAND.

BOURBON CIRCUIT COURT.

J. H. Letton's Assignee,

vs.

J. H. Letton, et al.

Acting under the orders of the Bourbon Circuit Court, the undersigned, as assignee of J. H. Letton, will, on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1897, sell at public outcry, the following described real estate:

Beginning at C a stone corner to John Will Letton's heirs in Chas. Becraft's line, and running therefrom with said Becraft's line S 88° E 117.88 P. to B, a post in the West margin of Youngs Mill turnpike; thence along the same side of said turnpike S 3° W 130.80 poles to A, a point in the North margin of the Paris & Jackstown turnpike; thence along the same side of said turnpike N 86° W 124.60 P. to D, a corner to John Will Letton's heirs; thence N 61° E 117.38 P. to the beginning. Beginning in the middle of the Youngs Mill turnpike at E, a corner to Mrs. J. H. Letton and running therefrom with her lines S 87° E 99.80 P. to F, a locust stump corner to the same; thence S 84° E 58.92 P. to G, a stake corner to the same; thence S 24° E 76.100 P. to H, a walnut tree corner to the same and J. W. Letton; thence with said J. W. Letton's line N 24° E 104.64 P. to I, a corner to Henry S. Letton; thence with his line N 88° W 157.44 P. to J, the middle of said turnpike; thence S 43° W 98 P. to the beginning.

This valuable tract of farming land is located on the Jackstown turnpike, about five miles from Millersburg and is known as one of the most productive farms in Bourbon County. All of the fencing is in good condition and the improvements are first-class in every particular. It has on it a comparatively new two-story frame house; a fine stock barn and all necessary out buildings. Farm will be sold as a whole.

TERMS OF SALE.—Six twelve and twenty-four months. Purchaser, or purchasers, will be required to execute bonds, with approved surety, or the purchaser may pay cash at his option. In default of any of the bonds the subsequent bonds will fall due and be payable.

Sale will begin promptly at 11 o'clock, a. m., solar time.

L. M. GREENE,

Assignee of J. H. Letton.

HARMON STITT, Attorney.

MASTER'S SALE

—OF—

Bourbon Co. Land

BOURBON CIRCUIT COURT.

James Stivers, Plaintiff,

vs.

J. W. Wilcox, etc., Defendants.

By virtue of a judgment of sale made and entered in the above styled suit at the November term, 1896, of the Bourbon Circuit Court, I will sell publicly at the Court-house door in Paris, Ky., on

MONDAY, JAN. 18, 1897,

to the highest and best bidder, about the hour of 12 m. the following described tract of land:

On the waters of Houston Creek beginning at 1 in the middle of said Creek, corner to Chas. T. Garrard and James Ingels and running with the middle of said creek as it meanders N. 51° E. 10 poles to 2. N. 43° E. 22 poles to 3, corner to Dr. John Lyle's heirs, then leaving the Creek with their line N. 24° W. 614 poles to 4, corner to same; then W. 81 poles to 5, corner to same; then S. 88° W. 644 poles crossing said Creek to 6, a corner to Greenberry Reid; then with his line W. 39 1-5 poles to 7, in the middle of said Creek corner to James Hall; then up the Creek as it meanders in the middle thereof S. 31° E. 19 poles to 8; then S. 12° E. 6 poles to 9; then 54° W. 46 poles to 10; then S. 58° W. 34 poles to 11, B. C. Bedford's corner; then leaving the Creek with Bedford's line S. 144° E. 964 poles to 12; then S. edge of the Ford's Mill road; then N. 73° E. 88.28-100 poles crossing said road diagonally to 13 corner, to Chas. T. Garrard's line, in the North side of the road; thence with his line N. 131° W. 494 poles to 14 in the middle of said Creek on the middle of a water gap; then down the Creek in the middle thereof as it meanders S. 80° E. 23.36-100 poles to 15; thence S. 81° E. 14 poles to 16; thence N. 64° E. 254 poles to the beginning, containing 151 acres, 2 roods and 32 poles, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Said sale will be made upon a credit of six and twelve months for equal parts of the purchase money for which the purchaser will be required to execute bonds payable to the undersigned Commissioner with good surety to be approved by said Commissioner bearing interest from the day of sale until paid at the rate of six per cent. per annum, said bonds to have the effect of replevin bonds.

Said sale is made to satisfy the debt and interest of the plaintiff amounting on day of sale to \$336.38 and the costs of this suit \$105.35, making the total sum to be raised \$441.73.

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